

Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

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Type: Presentation

Call to Podium:

Members of the City Student Union and Youth Centers

Agenda Item Title:

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating April 2013 as "Volunteer Appreciation Month" in the City of Gaithersburg

Responsible Staff and Department:

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Desired Outcome from Council:

Issue Proclamation

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	
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Policy Discussion Date:	
Anticipated Adoption Date:	

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Supporting Background Information:

The City of Gaithersburg appreciates the work and dedication of the hundreds of volunteers of all ages who work tirelessly to help Gaithersburg remain a vibrant, compassionate community. They supplement and enhance the work of nonprofit organizations, schools and City staff, ultimately adding to the quality of life in Gaithersburg and setting an example for future generations.

One example of exceptional volunteering is shown by the City's Youth Centers and Student Union members. These young people exemplify the pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!, especially in the areas of caring and citizenship.

More than 300 middle and high school volunteers logged in excess of 6000 volunteer hours last year, giving back to our City through work with such projects as the Gaithersburg Community Soup Kitchen, Holiday Giving Program, Environmental Affairs projects, Asbury's Beloved Community Initiative and many more.

To understand and appreciate the impact of volunteerism in Gaithersburg, consider these numbers:

- More than 350 people volunteer as coaches;
- There are more than 75 instructors and office assistants volunteering at the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center;
- More than 250 people volunteer each year for the Holiday Giving Program & the Gaithersburg Book Festival;
- And more than 130 dedicated and creative volunteers are serving on City boards, commissions and advisory committees.

From community clean up efforts to street fairs and festivals, City departments, schools and nonprofit partners are continually seeking volunteers. Please visit the Volunteer Opportunities page on the City's website for details. For countywide opportunities please visit montgomeryserves.org.

Together with all of our City volunteers, nonprofits and schools, we celebrate these efforts by proclaiming April as "National Volunteer Appreciation Month" in the City of Gaithersburg.